

CHAPTER 1042

DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL ABUSE PROTECTIVE ORDERS — CONSENT AGREEMENTS

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AN ACT relating to consent agreements for domestic abuse and sexual abuse protective orders.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. [Section 236.5, subsection 1](#), paragraph b, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

The court may grant a protective order ~~or approve a consent agreement~~ which may contain but is not limited to any of the following provisions:

Sec. 2. [Section 236.5, Code 2021](#), is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. The court may approve a consent agreement which may contain but is not limited to any of the provisions specified in [subsection 1](#), paragraph “b”, without a finding the defendant has engaged in domestic abuse.

Sec. 3. [Section 236A.7, subsection 1](#), unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

Upon a finding that the defendant has engaged in sexual abuse, the court may grant a protective order ~~or approve a consent agreement~~ which may contain but is not limited to any of the following provisions:

Sec. 4. [Section 236A.7, Code 2021](#), is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. The court may approve a consent agreement without a finding that the defendant has engaged in sexual abuse, which may contain but is not limited to any of the provisions specified in [subsection 1](#).

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